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TO A HOST

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Dear Sir:

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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of March 30, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

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Please change the title to "A COMPUTER SYSTEM I/O NODE FOR CONNECTION SERIALLY IN A CHAIN TO A HOST."